

January 7, 2005

WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO: WV300-5-4

SUBJECT: LTP – Rescission of Unobligated Funding Balances

Purpose: To inform employees that funds are not available for the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP).

Expiration Date: September 30, 2005

This memorandum is to inform NRCS employees in West Virginia that Congress has rescinded the unobligated fund balances in the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP). This action was taken by Congress in the fiscal year 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

We have ceased the commitment of any unobligated funds for the Forestry Incentives Program in West Virginia. All but one outstanding FIP application had been funded prior to this action. National Headquarters will provide further guidance on this issue as decisions are made with regards to handling cost overruns and contract modifications of the existing contracts in these programs.

Clients who are interested in applying for cost-share assistance for forest management practices should be directed to the West Virginia Division of Forestry and the Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP).

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Barb McWhorter, Forester, at 304-284-7576,

/s/ Richard D. Heaslip, Acting for

**LILLIAN V. WOODS
State Conservationist**

DIST: E